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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON PRESERVING SINIORA,S GOVERNMENT

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[1](#)B. AMMAN 7626
[1](#)C. AMMAN 7758
[1](#)D. USDAO AMMAN 191546Z SEP 06

Classified By: Classified by Ambassador David Hale for reasons 1.4 (b)
and (d)

[1](#)1. (S) A/DCM delivered reftel demarche October 15 to Thamar Al-Adwan, FM Khatib's chief of staff. Al-Adwan took careful notes and undertook to brief Khatib immediately, but offered no substantive comment.

[1](#)2. (S) During a follow-up demarche October 16 with Jaffar Hassan, foreign affairs advisor in the King's office, Hassan said he would brief office director Bassem Awadallah and that the issue would be on the King's "radar screen." Hassan commented that King Abdullah had recently noted his concern for Siniora to codels Warner (ref B) and Frist (ref C). Hassan expressed worry that the Syrian leadership probably did not think significant new sanctions were likely.

[1](#)3. (S) Comment: King Abdullah and his top aides have expressed their concerns for Siniora's physical and political future regularly to post and to senior U.S. visitors. We understand the King has also discussed with other Arab governments ways to counter the threats to Siniora. In addition to considerable humanitarian aid (ref D), Jordan has offered security assistance to forces loyal to Siniora. End comment.

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